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**REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

Sir:

The following reply is responsive to the Office Action mailed November 1, 2006. Claims 1-20 were originally filed, claims 19 and 20 have been cancelled and claims 21 and 22 were added in Applicants' 18 October 2006 response. Therefore, claims 1-18 and 21-22 are the live claims remaining for prosecution on the merits. Reexamination and reconsideration of the subject application are respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees, which may be required to our deposit account No. 12-1155, including all required fees under: 37 C.F.R. §1.16; 37 C.F.R. §1.17; 37 C.F.R. §1.18; 37 C.F.R. §1.136. Thus, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the necessary fees to extend the period of responding from February 1, 2007 to March 1, 2007.

Also, enclosed herewith is a Notice of Appeals to the Board of Appeals and Patent Interferences.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 2 of this paper.